1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 DISTRICT OF NEVADA 10 11 COREY JOHNSON, Case No. 2:21-cv-00219-GMN-BNW 12 Petitioner. **ORDER** 13 v. 14 CALVIN JOHNSON, et al. 15 Respondents. 16 17 This is a habeas corpus matter under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The court directed petitioner 18 Corey Johnson to show cause why the court should not dismiss this action for his failure to 19 exhaust his state-court remedies. ECF No. 5. Johnson has filed a petition to show cause why 20 court should not dismiss action. ECF No. 8. Johnson also has filed a petition for expeditious 21 judicial review. ECF No. 9. The court finds that Johnson has not shown good cause, and the 22 court dismisses the action. The court also denies the petition for expeditious judicial review. 23 As the court noted before, the Nevada Supreme Court has not yet had the opportunity to rule on Johnson's claims. ECF No. 5 at 2. Johnson's appeal still is pending in the Nevada 24 Supreme Court, Case No. 82600. Johnson has not yet exhausted his state-court remedies, and 25 26 the court cannot consider his claims. See 28 U.S.C. § 2254(b).

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¹ http://caseinfo.nvsupremecourt.us/public/caseView.do?csIID=61087 (report generated May 18, 2021). The appeal still is in its preliminary stages. Johnson filed an informal brief on April 23, 2021, two days after this court entered its order to show cause.

Johnson does not address the failure to exhaust. Instead, he argues that, in his state-court proceedings, the respondents filed false documents and the state district court denied his petition without an evidentiary hearing. He also argues the merits of his petition. However, the point of the exhaustion requirement of 28 U.S.C. § 2254(b) is to allow the state courts to correct any errors before Johnson turns to the federal courts. None of his arguments excuse the exhaustion requirement. Consequently, the court will dismiss the action.

Despite its title, the petition for expeditious judicial review (ECF No. 9) is an argument on the merits of Johnson's claims. The court denies this petition because Johnson's claims are not exhausted.

Reasonable jurists would not find the court's conclusion to be debatable or wrong, and the court will not issue a certificate of appealability.

IT THEREFORE IS ORDERED that the petition to show cause why court should not dismiss action (ECF No. 8) is **DENIED**.

IT FURTHER IS ORDERED that the petition for expeditious judicial review (ECF No. 9) is **DENIED**.

IT FURTHER IS ORDERED that this action is **DISMISSED** without prejudice for petitioner's failure to exhaust his state-court remedies. The clerk of the court is directed to enter judgment accordingly and to close this action.

IT FURTHER IS ORDERED that a certificate of appealability will not issue.

DATED: May 19, 2021

GLORIA M. NAVARRO United States District Judge